

As an active and concerned citizen of the United States, I am writing to urge the FCC to take immediate action regarding the Sinclair Broadcast Group's blatant and willful attempts to influence the presidential election by broadcasting shameful political propaganda thinly disguised as "news."

Sinclair Broadcast Group's actions indicate the company is nothing less than an enemy of democracy.

They injure the public interest by misusing their power to silence debate and free discourse in these crucial times. Rather than work towards an informed citizenship, Sinclair deliberately attempts to influence elections by forcing stations to air what amounts to partisan campaign commercials that lack even the thinnest veneer of research or accepted methodology. And they have the gall to lie to public and call such broadcasts "news."

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.